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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

US Patent No.: 6,901,987 Appl. No.: 10/672,818  
Patentee : Graham, Jonathan W.  
Filed: : 09/26/2003 Issued : 06/07/2005  
Title : FURLED DECORATIVE COVERING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

Commissioner for Patents  
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Inquiry to the Office of Petitions  
Attention: Steven Brantley, Esquire

Sir;

Following a telephone conversation with Steven Brantley in the Office of Petitions on Jan. 8, 2008, the undersigned submits the following.

The patentee filed a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent on July 6, 2009 (the "Petition"). A full and true copy of the Petition is attached hereto, together with a copy of the front page US patent 6,901,987. The Petition included a check in the amount of \$2130.00 to cover the applicable statutory fee. Upon checking the patentee's banking records, it is apparent that check #31615 in the amount of \$2130.00 was cashed by the US Patent Office on July 14, 2009. The Petition was properly submitted via US First Class Mail under a 37 C.F.R. § 1.89(a) Certificate of Mailing. A full and true copy of that Certificate is included with the attached Petition.

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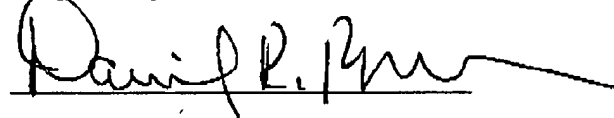
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The motivating event for this inquiry is that the PTO website has never indicated receipt of the petition, revival of the patent, or any other indication of processing of the Petition in the Maintenance Fee pages of uspto.gov. In the conversation with Steven Brantley, Esquire of the Office of Petitions, it became apparent that the Petition was never scanned into the PTO document system.

Accordingly, the patentee, through the undersigned counsel, hereby request that this paper and its attachments be reviewed, considered, and entered into the PTO document system, and that the Petition be granted and that US patent 6,901,987 be revived retroactively to July 6, 2009.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted;



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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
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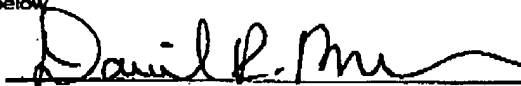
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July 6, 2009

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☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(f)(2) of \$ 1,640.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,640.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,130.00☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. 601517

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## 8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

## ENCLOSURES

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
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US 6,901,987 B1

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**Graham**

(10) Patent No.: **US 6,901,987 B1**(45) Date of Patent: **Jun. 7, 2005**

(54) **FURLED DECORATIVE COVERING**  
**APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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(\*) Notice. Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A decorative covering apparatus and method. A frame with an opening formed into it has a first roller that rotates about an axis. A flexible cover is arranged to loop between a first edge that is fixed relative to the frame and a second edge that is affixed to the first roller. A second roller is disposed at the apex of the loop in the flexible cover, and a motor is coupled to rotate the first roller in a first direction and in a second direction. This action causes a furling and unfurling the flexible cover to reveal and conceal the opening. It also causes the second roller to traverse the opening in the frame. A decorative frame is attached to the frame. The decorative cover is adapted to conceal and reveal a wall mounted object located behind the opening in the frame, such as a flat panel television set. Control is implemented with a remote control receiver, which receives a control signal that is coupled to control the motor to rotate in an up and down direction. The flexible cover has a decorative image disposed on a first side that is aligned to be visible when the flexible cover is unfurled to conceal the opening.

**29 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets**

